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NOTICE OF EXPRESS ABANDONMENT

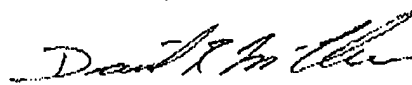
Dear Examiner Sisson:

To confirm our telephone discussion of earlier today (in which you called to set for a restriction requirement), the Applicant hereby expressly abandons the above-referenced patent application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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